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PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

MS: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

A Final Office action was mailed on April 4, 2006. This Preliminary Response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 for the above identified application, and is filed with a Petition for one month extension of time with necessary fees.

This submission is accompanied by a new Declaration under 37C.F.R. §1.132 by Dr. Paul Polakis with Exhibits A and B. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement with copies of additional references in support of the Applicants' arguments. Applicants respectfully request that the Information Disclosure Statement and Declaration be made of record in the above-identified application, and be considered by the Examiner.

Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.